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GREAT LAKES CAPTAINS ASSOCIATION, INC.

November 18, 2016

Greetings All,

It is with sadness we have to report that Captain Jack Cork unexpectedly passed away October 8. We will have a short remembrance at Industry Days.

Industry Days 2017 will be held at the Great Wolf Lodge in Traverse City Monday, January 9-11, 2017, Monday will be a special classes day offering CPR Certification, Radio License and possibly Radar Renewals. General Sessions will be all day Tuesday beginning at 1000 and all day Wednesday beginning at 0845.

Vendors will be setting up on Monday afternoon and Tuesday morning. It will give you a chance to get reacquainted with some of the vendors and attendees. Vendor's/Casino nite will be Tuesday evening at 1830-2100.

We locked in with the Great Wolf Lodge for the next 3 years, giving us the ability to **not** increase the cost of the conference at this time. It will remain at \$80 for members and \$100 for non-members for both full days. This includes lunch on Tuesday, breakfast and lunch on Wednesday.

Matt Walsh, Samsel Supply, has informed us that if anyone is interested in having their raft(s) inspected, they can bring them to the Conference and he will transport them to Cleveland at no charge. This is a saving of 50% on shipping cost. You **MUST** contact him to reserve a space on his truck. He can be contacted by cell phone at 216-906-3068 or email him at walshma@cox.net or mwalsh@samselsupply.com Please take advantage of this opportunity.

Monday is an optional day for attendees. We have received a lot of requests for CPR certification and Radar License Renewal and Marine Radio Licenses and Monday is the logical day to provide these. This is not set in stone, as writing of this letter. At this time, we are planning on providing these classes at an additional cost. CPR is \$65, Radio License class and exam are \$120. **LET ME KNOW IF YOU ARE INTERESTED** so we can plan for rooms. maschallip@yahoo.com John Biolchini at the Academy **MAY** be able to provide a Radar Renewal Class, but nothing will be a little more certain until after December 8. We will post info on this on the website, so check it to see the status of the class.

The program will continue at approximately 10:00 am on Tuesday (this allows for day-of arrivals to help keep cost for you down) with Licensing by Chuck Kakuska, various presentations by the USCG . Al Bernstien is also expected to return. We have also planned to have a presentation on how you can go about getting the classes for

an initial licenses or upgrading. Presenters such as Amy Sealy about weather, Roger Gauthier will talk about water levels, there will be breakout sessions. Details will follow. Many more speakers!

The room rate is \$70.00 nightly, Monday, Jan 9, through Wednesday, January 12, for Single AND Double. Call for Triple and Quadruple rates. The water park admission IS included in your room rate.

Great Wolf's number: 1-866-962-9653.

Call before 12/24/2016 to be guaranteed the room rate. Be sure to tell them you are with **Reservation # 1701GLCA.**

We have established an account with PayPal to be used for registration and dues fees which can be processed in advance or at the Industry Days registration desk, not the Great Wolf Lodge desk. Go to www.glcaptains.com. There is a link to Paypal, registration forms, and information letter. You do NOT need a personal Paypal account to pay this way. Click on "Don't have paypal account".

If you need more information, you can call Mary Ann Schallip @ 906-322-3283 or @ 906-635-0941. We will TRY to help. You can also email Mary at maschallip@yahoo.com

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Password= member

As I mentioned earlier, Tuesday evening, 1830-2100 will be Vendor's/Casino Nite. Hopefully, our musicians will come back this year as they are always enjoyed. Our Silent Auction items will be on display throughout the Seminar and bidding sheets will be available on Tuesday evening. Snacks and beer will be provided and there will be a cash bar available. If you would like to donate any items, please contact Bob Schallip or Mary Ann Schallip. These are VERY important, since they help to raise funds for our Scholarship Fund. We did win the Mackinaw Bridge climb this year, so save up for that auction.

If anyone is interested in applying for a "Hawse pipe" scholarship, or knows someone who is, please fill out the form and submit it to Bob Schallip, no later than January 1st or it can be emailed to Bob at rgschallip@sault.com. The form can be downloaded from the information page on our web site, www.glcaptains.com.

Prizes and gifts are needed for our Silent Auction & Door prizes. Thanks in advance. Also, dealers are needed for Casino Nite (BRAD!!!). Always a lot of fun that evening. See you all January 10, 2017, and don't forget your swimsuit!

Hope to see you in January
Bob